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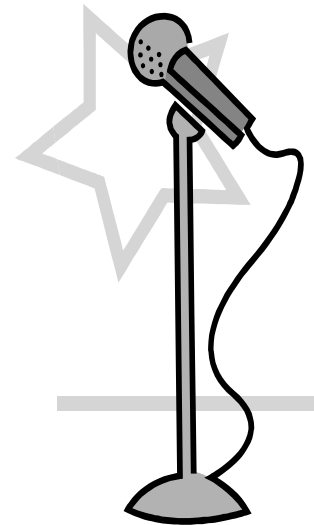
## You Could be the **SOUTH JORDAN IDOL**

Junior Idol (ages 9-14) First Place **\$250**  
South Jordan Idol (ages 15-35) First Place **\$500**

### **Auditions**

Junior Idol: February 15 and 16, 6-9 p.m.  
South Jordan Idol: February 17 and 18, 6-9 p.m.

All auditions held at the South Jordan Community  
Center Located at 10778 South Redwood Road  
See the City website for details:  
[www.sjc.utah.gov](http://www.sjc.utah.gov)



## **Irrigation Water Shares Available For Lease**

South Jordan City has limited water shares available for lease for the 2005 irrigation season from the following canal companies; South Jordan Canal, Welby Jacob Canal, Utah Lake Distributing Canal, Utah and Salt Lake Canal, Brighton and North Point Irrigation Canal, and North Jordan Irrigation Canal. Anyone interested in leasing water shares from South Jordan City should contact Andrea Markham at (801) 253-5230 before March 4, 2005.

## **Mulligans Golf & Games**

We want to remind all South Jordan Citizens Mulligans Golf & Games is also open during the winter months. We have covered and heated stalls available on the driving range. Miniature Golf is also available when weather permits.



Expiration Date:  
02/28/05

**Golf Experience**  
**2 for 1**

of equal or lesser value

Mulligans Golf & Games  
10600 South 692 West, South Jordan  
801-254-3377



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### **Unattended Vehicles / Vehicles Left Running**

With the winter season and the lower temperatures, citizens often will start their vehicles early in the morning, then return indoors, leaving the vehicle running, unattended, while the motor "warms up". Just as frequently, motorists will stop at convenience stores, schools, the cleaners or while stopping for other similar errands and leave their vehicles running and unattended while they conduct their business inside.

The South Jordan City Department Of Public Safety would like to remind all citizens that this is not only unlawful, it is very unwise. Utah Sate Traffic Code 41-6-105 states that:

No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition and removing the key, placing the transmission in "park" or the gears in "low" or "reverse" if the vehicle has a manual shift, or effectively setting the brakes thereon; and, when standing upon any perceptible grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway. 1969

Officers in South Jordan have been trained to look for this occurring and take proper enforcement action. This means that if you are found in violation, you may receive a citation, a citation that may cost you as much as \$750.00. And if your vehicle is deemed at that time to be a hazard to persons or traffic while being left unattended, it may even be towed.

The South Jordan City Department Of Public Safety strongly discourages leaving vehicles running and unattended as it not only is unlawful, it presents an opportunity for vehicle theft.

Each year officers respond to dozens of vehicle thefts and a surprising percentage of these are the results of a citizen leaving their vehicles running and unattended. Even if you are able to lock the doors with the motor still running, this is still a fantastic opportunity for a would-be thief. By simply smashing a window or snapping the door lock with a screwdriver, the thief has full access to the running vehicle and can be gone from the area in only seconds.

One more thing to think about, if your vehicle is taken while it is left running, the thief now has a full set of your car keys in his possession. These often include keys to your home, other vehicles, your business, other family member's homes, etc., making you, your family and possibly even co-workers, incredibly vulnerable to future victimization.

Please, the next time you go to "warm up" your car, stay inside the vehicle. Wear gloves and consider keeping a small blanket in the car to help keep warm. The next time you stop and run inside the local convenience store, even for just a few seconds, turn off the vehicle and lock it up. Taking away those "opportunities" is key to reducing crime.

By doing this, citizens can help themselves to not become victims of vehicle theft (or worse) and they will have no need to worry about receiving an expensive citation from an officer, for leaving their vehicle unattended.

### **Calling All C.E.R.T. Team Members!!**

We are updating our program and need to hear from you. If you have been involved with C.E.R.T. please contact Firefighter Nathan Morreale at [nmorreale@sjc.utah.gov](mailto:nmorreale@sjc.utah.gov) with your contact information.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

**South Jordan Police Needs Your Help!**

South Jordan Police Detectives are looking for an adult female witness of a criminal mischief incident that occurred December 21, 2004 at approximately 8:58 PM. This incident occurred in the Harmon' s parking lot located at 10507 South Redwood Rd. The witness observed a female using a key to scratch a pink Ford Thunderbird parked in the parking lot. The victim and owner of the Thunderbird, spoke to the witness briefly, but failed to get her name/number. The suspect in this case is believed to be driving a silver Chevrolet Impala. If you witnessed this incident, please contact the South Jordan Police Dept. at 254-4708 or police dispatch after hours, at 840-4000. Please refer to case 04F017492.

**Storm Water**

**Storm water** is the water from rain, snow and sleet that travels down our gutters into the storm drain. Storm water starts off clean. Storm water flows DIRECTLY into our rivers, lakes and streams. It is almost never treated. So everything storm water collects from the land surface, roadways, sidewalks, parking lots, construction sites, business parks, etc., is carried to gutters, storm drains, canals, drainage ways, and finally ends up in our local rivers and streams ~ UNTREATED! It is estimated that more than one-half of the pollution in our nations waterways comes from storm water runoff.

In the past, it was thought that water pollution was caused mainly by industrial and municipal wastewater treatment plant discharges. A lot of effort was put into cleaning up these "point sources" of waste water. Now, the effort is being expended to clean up "non-point source" pollution, water pollution that is generated all over and carried to rivers and streams in pipes and ditches. The problem with non-point source pollution is that it is very expensive to treat and discharge. Treatment facilities would have to be very large to treat storm peak flows and would sit unused more that 95% of the time. The best way to improve storm water quality is to treat the source – don't let runoff get polluted in the first place. These methods are called Best Management Practices (BMPs).

**Residents** play a big role in storm water quality improvement. A slogan developed for the highly effective anti-litter campaigns of a few years ago – "Every litter bit hurts" – is equally appropriate in storm water pollution control. The little leak of automobile fluids that one vehicle drips while waiting at the stop light is not a problem. Multiply that by the tens of thousands of vehicles that leak fluids and wash it off into the Jordan River the next time it rains and it becomes a problem – a big problem!

Over use of chemicals on our lawns and in our gardens can cause excess to be washed into the gutter from a rainstorm or even by our own sprinkler system. The seemingly inconsequential act of hosing off the dirt and debris on our driveway into the storm gutters can cause serious problems with these waterways. The pesticides, the dirt, the lawn clippings that we hose or sweep into the gutter ends up clogging fish spawning areas and covering the stream channel floor. The result is less oxygen, less food, less fish.

**Everyone should help keep storm water clean.** Here are five easy steps that will make yours an environmentally friendly home:

1. Wash your car on the lawn or at a commercial car wash
2. Pick up pet waste; bag and trash or flush in the toilet
3. Mulch grass clippings and leave on the lawn or compost
4. Sweep dirt into the lawn, pick up debris and put it in the trash
5. Target use of fertilizer and pesticides/herbicides to the lawn and garden and take excess chemicals to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility



For more information about storm water, its impact on our quality of life and the simple things all of us can do to make storm water cleaner, please visit the following website: [www.stormwatercoalition.org](http://www.stormwatercoalition.org).

February's Calendar

- 2nd Board Meeting, 7:30 AM;  
Small Bus/Education Meeting, 8:45 AM
- 3rd Lead Lunch at Mi Ranchito, 11:30-12:30 PM;  
SJ Rec Center Ribbon Cutting, 3:30 PM
- 9th Business After Hours, 5:00-7:00 PM
- 10th Leads Lunch at Mi Ranchito, 11:30-12:30 PM
- 15th Government Affairs Council Meeting, 7:30 AM
- 17th Leads Lunch at Mi Ranchito, 11:30-12:30 PM
- 24th Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 11:30-1:00 PM
- 26th Child Safety Day with Willden Dental,  
S.J. Community Cntr., 10:00-2:00 PM

Upcoming Events to Watch For!**Child I.D. Kits**

The South Jordan Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with Willden Dental on Saturday, **February 26th** for a day devoted to creating Child I.D. Kits. Bring your family and friends (especially KIDS) to the South Jordan Community Center from 10 am to 2 pm for this **FREE** event. I.D. Kits are extremely helpful in finding lost or abducted kids. Among the features of the day are fingerprinting, DNA samples, creating a video DVD, and tooth molds and all are free of charge. Come with the whole family for this safety preparation day.

**South Jordan City Principal Officials****Elected Officials:**

Kent Money, Mayor.....	254-6865
Leona Winger, Council District 1 .....	254-7886
Brad Marlor, Council District 2 .....	254-8561
Mary Wenner, Council District 3.....	280-9418
Dave Colton, Council District 4 .....	446-7174
Ann Gayheart, Council District 5 .....	254-1565

**Appointed Officials:**

Ricky A. Horst, City Manager  
Lindsay Shepherd, A.C.M. Public Safety  
Gary Whatcott, A.C.M. Community Development  
Rob Wall, A.C.M. Public Services  
Larry Ipson, Chief Financial Officer  
John Geilmann, City Attorney

**Important Telephone Numbers:**

Animal Control .....	254-3742
BFI .....	972-4234
Billing.....	254-3742
Chamber of Commerce .....	253-5200
City Administration.....	254-3742
Community Center .....	254-9888
Construction Management .....	253-5230
Development Services.....	254-1404
Dispatch.....	840-4000
Fire Department.....	254-0948
Help Line .....	446-HELP (4357)
Municipal Court.....	254-6381
Parks .....	253-5230
Police Department.....	254-4708
Public Services.....	253-5230
Recreation.....	254-9888
Senior Citizens Center .....	302-1222
South Valley Sewer District .....	571-1166
TransJordan Landfill.....	569-8994
Victim Services.....	254-4708

**South Jordan Library Events**

**Meet the Author: Jennie Hansen**  
Wednesday, February 16, 7:00 pm

LDS fiction writer Jennie Hansen is the author of 14 books. Her latest novel, *Code Red*, is a fast-paced story filled with action, intrigue, and suspense. Born in Idaho, Hansen resides in Salt Lake City and frequently presents programs on books, writing and women's issues.

**Bluegrass Music**  
Monday, February 28, 7:00 pm



Clap, stomp and sing along to the rootin' tootin' sounds of the **Kid Fiddlers**, the Jackson Family Bluegrass Band from Salt Lake City.

**Surplus Vehicles For Sale**

Go to [www.sjc.utah.gov/fleet](http://www.sjc.utah.gov/fleet) to view list of used City Vehicles for sale, or call Jason @ 253-5230.